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By the QUEEN,

A PROCLAMATION,

For the Putting in Execution an Act of Parliament for the Encouragement and Encreaſe of Seamen, and for the better and ſpeedier Manning Her Majeſty's Fleet, and alſo for the Encouragement of Seamen and Able-bodied Landmen, voluntarily to Enter themſelves in Her Majeſty's Sea-Service.

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WHereas by an *Act Paſſed the laſt Seſſions of Parliament, Entituled,* An Act for the Encouragement and Encreaſe of Seamen, and for the better and ſpeedier Manning Her Majeſty's Fleet, *It is, among other things, Enacted, That all and every the Juſtices of the Peace within the ſeveral Counties, Ridings and Places of this Realm, and the Dominion of* Wales, *and Town of* Berwick *upon* Tweed, *and all the Mayors, Bailiffs, and other Chief-Magiſtrates of the reſpective Cities, Boroughs, and Towns Corporate within the ſame, and every of them, ſhall, and they and every of them reſpectively is and are thereby Authorized and Required, upon every Application to be reſpectively made to them by ſuch Perſons who ſhall be Authorized by Us, under Our Royal Sign Manual, or by Our High Admiral of* England, *or by any Three or more of the Commiſſioners for Executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of* England *for the Time being, to Receive and Conduct Seamen, from time to time, until the Firſt Day of* March, *One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſix, to make and cauſe to be made diligent Search for all ſuch Seamen and Seafaring-Men, who have been actually imployed at Sea ſince Our happy Acceſſion to the Crown, as lie hid, withdraw, or conceal themſelves, and to cauſe all ſuch Seamen and Seafaring-Men, as aforeſaid, which ſhall be found or diſcovered, to be taken up, ſecured, and on Examination of them forthwith to be delivered over for Our Service at Sea, to the Perſons ſo to be appointed: And for the more effectual doing thereof, to Iſſue Warrants to the* High-Conſtables, *Petty-Conſtables, Headboroughs and Tythingmen, or other Officers and Inhabitants, within their reſpective Juriſdictions, or to the High-Conſtables for Iſſuing their Precepts to the Petty-Conſtables, and other Officers aforeſaid, for doing the ſame, to be Performed and Executed in ſuch manner, and at ſuch time as in and by the ſaid Act is directed. And the ſaid High-Conſtables, and other Officers, are thereby Enabled to Enter into, and in Caſe of Denial of Entrance to break open the Doors of any Houſes where they ſhall ſuſpect any ſuch Seamen to be Concealed, and they may be Fined by Juſtices of the Peace and Magiſtrates, any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, for Refuſing or Neglecting to Act carefully and diligently therein. And that every Seaman or Seafaring-Man, who ſhall be taken and delivered, as aforeſaid, ſhall have his Pay commenced from the time of ſuch Delivery, and alſo from the ſame time, ſhall be deemed a Seaman or Mariner in Our Service, as much as if he had received Wages or been Muſtered; and if ſuch Seaman or Seafaring-Man ſhall wilfully Deſert or Run away from his Conductor, ſuch Deſertion or Running away, ſhall be judged Felony without Benefit of Clergy; and the Juſtices of every County, Riding, Diviſion, City, Town or Place, or any of them, where any ſuch Seaman ſhall be taken, ſhall have full Power, by Virtue of that Act, to commit ſuch Offender to the Common Goal, in order to be Tried and Puniſhed for the ſaid Offence. And that upon Delivery of every ſuch Seaman or Seafaring-Man, as aforeſaid, to the reſpective Perſons that ſhall be appointed to Receive and Conduct them, as aforeſaid, (who are to give Receipts for ſuch Seamen) ſuch Perſons ſo appointed, ſhall, out of the Money given for the Service of the Navy, to be put into their Hands for this purpoſe, pay for every ſuch Seaman or Seafaring-Man the Sum of Twenty Shillings, as a Reward to or among the Conſtables, or other Officers, who diſcovered, took and ſecured the ſaid Seaman, and for Defraying his or their Charges in the ſaid Service, on Receipts to be given for the ſame to ſuch Conductors; And that Conduct-money for Conveying and Subſiſting the ſaid Seamen, till they are on Board ſome of Our Ships or Veſſels in Sea-Pay, ſhall be furniſhed or allowed according to the preſent Uſages of the Navy. And that if any Perſon or Perſons whatſoever ſhall preſume to Harbour or Conceal any Seaman or Seafaring-Man, liable to be taken upon that Act, or ſhall wilfully do any Act or Thing whereby the Execution of that Act, in Searching for, Taking and Securing, or Conducting ſuch Seamen, as aforeſaid, ſhall be Hindred or Fruſtrated, or ſhall Entice any Seaman to Run away from his Conductor, ſuch Offender, for every ſuch Offence, ſhall forfeit Five Pounds to the Uſe of the Pariſh where ſuch Offence ſhall be Committed. And for the Encouragement of all Seamen, who are or ſhall be in Our Service at Sea, it is thereby Declared and Enacted, That every Seaman who from and after the Twenty fifth Day of* March, *One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſix, ſhall be Turned over from one Ship to another in Our Service, or Turned aſhore, as not being fit for Our Service, ſhall be paid his Wages which ſhall appear to be due to him in the Ship from which he was Turned over, before ſuch Ship to which he ſhall be Turned over do go to Sea, either in Money or by a Ticket, which ſhall Entitle him or his Aſſigns to Payment within One Month after the ſaid Ticket ſhall be preſented to the Commiſſioners of the Navy at their Office. And for the better Encreaſe of Seamen, and Supplying the Want of them, it is thereby further Enacted, That all and every the Powers, Authorities, Directions, Clauſes, Matters and Things contained in an Act of that Seſſion of Parliament for Recruiting Our Land-Forces and Marines, for the Year One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſix, ſhall and may be Executed, Practiſed, and put in Ure, for Supplying Our Navy with Able-bodied Landmen, being ſuch Perſons as are liable to be Raiſed for Land-Service by ſuch other Act; and that Our Service in Raiſing ſuch Able-bodied Landmen, ſhall and may be Performed and Carried on by ſuch Juſtices, Magiſtrates, and other Perſons, and in ſuch Manner and Form, (the Reading of any Articles of War excepted) and under ſuch Rules and Reſtrictions as are preſcribed by ſuch Act for the Land-Service. And that ſuch Able-bodied Landmen ſhall be delivered to ſuch Conductors, as aforeſaid, who ſhall Secure and Deliver them on Board ſome of Our Ships or Veſſels in Sea-Pay, and ſhall, out of the Monies given for the Navy, and to be put into their Hands for this Purpoſe, pay for every ſuch Able-bodied Landman that ſhall be Impreſſed, the like Rewards or Encouragements as are to be paid for the Men to be Liſted by ſuch other Act for the Land-Service. And that no Mariner or other Perſon who is or ſhall be Entred in Our Sea-Service, and hath been Muſtered on Board any of Our Ships or Veſſels of War, and doth continue Entred in Pay on any of the ſaid Ships Books, ſhall, during this preſent War, (ſuch Perſon ſo continuing in Our Service ſo long) be Arreſted, or Detained in Priſon, or taken out of the ſaid Service by any Proceſs whatſoever, in any Civil Action, Suit or Cauſe, wherein the Debt or Damages ſhall not appear (by Affidavit to be Filed in the Court out of which ſuch Proceſs ſhall iſſue, before the taking out ſuch Proceſs) to exceed the Sum of Twenty Pounds. And the Juſtices of the Peace and Magiſtrates of every reſpective County, Riding, Diviſion, Liberty, City or Place, before whom any Perſons, ſhall be Impreſſed for the Sea-Service, in purſuance of that Act, are at every General Quarter-Seſſions for ſuch County, Riding, Diviſion, Liberty, City or Place, to exhibit an Account, under their Hands and Seals, of the Names of the ſeveral Perſons by them ſo Impreſſed, at any time preceding ſuch General Quarter-Seſſions, together with the Names of the Hundred, Pariſh or Place from whence, and the Pariſh-Officers or other Officers by whom, and times when ſuch Perſons were brought and Impreſſed, and of the Names of the Conductors to whom ſuch Perſons were Delivered; and that ſuch Accounts ſhall be kept by the Clerk of the Peace or the Town-Clerk of ſuch County, Riding, Diviſion, Liberty, City or Place, among the Records thereof; To which Accounts all Perſons may have Reſort, at reaſonable times, without any Fee or Charge; and the Clerk of the Peace or Town-Clerk of every ſuch County, Riding, Diviſion, Liberty, City or Place, is from time to time, within Twenty Days after ſuch Quarter-Seſſions, to Tranſmit true Copies thereof, atteſted by himſelf, to the Secretary of Our High Admiral of* England, *or of the Commiſſioners for Executing the Office of Our High Admiral of* England. *And that no Perſon of the Age of Eighteen Years, who Voluntarily Bound, or hereafter ſhall Bind himſelf Apprentice to a Maſter or Owner or Owners of any Trading Ship or Veſſel, purſuant to an Act made in the Second Year of Our Reign, ſhall have any Exemption or Protection from Our Sea-Service, who ſhall have been in any Sea Service before the time he Bound himſelf Apprentice. And that in caſe ſuch a Number of Watermen, Bargemen, Lightermen and Wherrymen belonging to the River of* Thames, *as Our High Admiral, or any Three or more of the Commiſſioners for Executing the Office of Our High Admiral of* England, *for the time being, ſhall from time to time give Notice to the Company of Watermen as there ſhall be Occaſion for to ſerve Us (being duly Summoned by leaving Notice in Writing at the Place of their uſual Abode by the Company) within Ten Days after ſuch Summons, ſhall not appear before the Rulers of the ſaid Watermens Company, to be ſent on Board Our Fleet, ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſo Summoned, and being duly Convicted before the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen of the City of* London, *or Two Juſtices of the Peace of the ſaid City, and Two of the ſaid Rulers, That then he or they ſo doing and offending, ſhall ſuffer Impriſonment during the Space of One Month, and be Diſabled from Rowing and Working upon the ſaid River of* Thames, *and of Enjoying any of the Advantages or Privileges of the ſaid Company for the Space of Two Years. And in and by the ſaid Act there is Liberty given for Inſolvent Debtors, not being Indebted above Sixty Pounds, who were in Priſon for Debt and Damages on the Sixteenth Day of* February *laſt, to Enter themſelves Voluntarily in Our Service in Our Navy, to ſerve therein during this preſent War, and alſo for Three or more of Our Juſtices of the Peace, one to be of the* Quorum, *to ſend ſuch Priſoners ſo indebted, who ſhall decline to Enter themſelves into Our Service on Board Our Fleet. And We being willing and deſirous that all Our good Subjects ſhould have early and ſufficient Notice of the Penalties and Forfeitures before mentioned, to the end they may avoid incurring the ſame, and that the Powers in the ſaid Act may be put in Execution for the ſpeedy Manning of Our Fleet, have, by the Advice of Our Privy Council, thought fit to Iſſue this Our Royal Proclamation, to Notifie and Declare to all Our Loving Subjects the Purport and Tenor of the ſaid ſeveral Parts of the ſaid Act, hereby Requiring and Commanding all Perſons concerned to Conform themſelves to the ſaid Act, and to do and perform all the Matters and Things thereby Required of them reſpectively. And as a yet further Encouragement, of Seamen and Able-bodied Landmen, not above the Age of Fifty five Years, and not under the Age of Sixteen Years, other than ſuch Perſons who were actually Priſoners for Debt on the ſaid Sixteenth Day of* February *laſt, as aforeſaid, who on or before the* First Day of May next *ſhall Voluntarily Enter themſelves into Our Service, either with the Officers of Our Ships of War, Fire Ships or Bomb-Veſſels, (Tenders only excepted) who are or before that time ſhall be in Sea-Pay, or with any Juſtice of the Peace or Chief Magiſtrate of any Town, or with any Vice-Admiral or other Commiſſion Officer, to ſerve on Board any of Our ſaid Ships or Veſſels, ſhall Receive, as Our Free Gift and Royal Bounty, the reſpective Rewards and Allowances following;*